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SUBJECT: GOC NEGOTIATOR ON TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS

1. SUMMARY: GOC NEGOTIATOR TASSO PAPADOPOULOS HAS STUDIED
TURKISH CYPRIOT "EXPLANATORY NOTE" IN MINUTE DETAIL AND FINDS
IT "WORSE THAN TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITIONS IN APRIL 1977." HE
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IS ADVISING PRESIDENT KYPRIANOOU TO REJECT ANY UNSYG CALL FOR
RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. FROM LOCAL NEWSMEN WE LEARNED APRIL 17 THAT GOC NEGOTIATOR
TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS IS THE "RELIABLE SOURCE" WHO HAS
BEEN SAYING THAT NEW TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE
WORSE THAN 1977 POSITIONS. DCM CALLED ON PAPADOPOULOS

APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. PAPADOPOULOS WAS SUR-
ROUNDED BY A MASS OF REFERENCE MATERIAL RELATING
TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AND SPOKE FROM A VOLUMINOUS
DOSSIER. IT SOON BECAME CLEAR THAT PAPADOPOULOS WAS
PREPARING TO ATTACK THE "EXPLANATORY NOTE" WORD-BY-
WORD.

3. PAPADOPOULOS STARTED BY NOTING THAT THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT DRAFT PREAMBLE REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EUROPEAN
CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS, ETC. THE THEN PROCEEDED TO CITE
ARTICLES AND PARAGRAPHS FROM EACH OF THE DOCUMENTS
WHICH HE SAID WERE BEING VIOLATED BY THE TURKS.

4. THE MAIN PROBLEM ACCORDING TO PAPADOPOULOS
IS THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PRO-
POSALS WOULD IN EFFECT CREATE TWO SEPARATE STATES. TO
SUPPORT THIS THESIS PAPADOPOULOS MADE, AMONG OTHERES,
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ACCORDING TO EXPLANATORY NOTE, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE
HAS NO DUTIES. THE "FUNCTIONS ESSENTIAL FOR A FEDERAL
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT" (FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENSE,
BANKING, ETC.) ARE ONLY TO BE "ENROLLED IN FEDERAL
LEGISLATION." THIS IMPLIES THERE WILL BE NO FEDERAL
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MINISTRIES.

B. THERE IS NO DIRECT RELATION BETWEEN THE CITIZEN
AND THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION. ALL CITIZENS' DUTIES
OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS GO TO AND COME FROM THE SEPARATE
STATES.

C. THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL SYSTEMS ARE
CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO MAKE THEM IMPOSSIBLE TO FUNCTION--
EQUAL NUMBERS OF GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS WILL NEVER
AGREE.

5. PAPADOPOULOS DISMISSED TURKISH CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PRO-
POSALS AS RIDICULOUS AND SAID VAROSHA PROPOSAL WAS UNACCEPT-
ABLE BECAUSE IT IMPLIED TURKISH SIDE WOULD CONTINUE TO
EXERCISE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. WHEN DCM
CHALLENGED PAPADOPOULOS FOR EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT VAROSHA
POINT, PAPADOPOULOS COULD ONLY REPLY THAT IT IS CLEAR
TURK CYPRIOTS INTEND TO "KEEP VAROSHA" BECAUSE THE
SECTION OF THE "EXPLANATORY NOTES" ON THIS SUBJECT IS
ENTITLED "MARAS" (THE TURKISH NAME FOR VAROSHA.)

6. IN SUM, PAPADOPOULOS SAID, CURRENT TURKISH CYPRIOT
PROPOSALS ARE "WORSE THAN 1977" BECAUSE IN VIENNA LAST

YEAR TURK CYPRIOTS AT LEAST WERE NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR IDEAS ON CONSTITUTION AND TERRITORY. FOR EXAMPLE, ONAN (TFSC NEGOTIATOR) HAD SPOKEN OF "EVOLUTIONARY FEDERALISM" WHICH IMPLIES CONSTANT MOVEMENT TOWARD THE GOAL OF A UNIFIED STATE. THE "EXPLANATORY NOTE" SAYS THERE COULD BE NO AMENDMENT OR CHANGES FOR SEVEN YEARS. THIS PAPADOPOULOS SAID, HARDLY IS "EVOLUTIONARY."

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7. DCM SAID IT APPEARED PAPADOPOULOS IS PUTTING THE MOST NEGATIVE POSSIBLE DEFINITION ON ALL ASPECTS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT DOCUMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, ABSENCE OF A DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES OF A FEDERAL EXECUTIVE DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT NONE ARE ENVISIONED. WOULD IT NOT

BE WISE FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION PROCESS,
RECEIVE THE COMPLETE PROPOSALS AND THEN DETERMINE HOW
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VALID THEY MIGHT BE. PAPADOPOULOS RESPONDED
EMOTIONALLY. IF HE WENT TO GENEVA OR VIENNA AND WAS
PRESENTED WITH PROPOSALS, HE WOULD MAKE NO RESPONSE BUT
WOULD MERELY BRING THEM BACK TO NICOSIA TO STUDY FOR A
"MONTH OR TWO." THE PROPOSALS MUST NOT BE ACCEPTABLE,
OTHERWISE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD NOT BE HIDING BEHIND
THE PROCEDURAL GIMMICK OF SUBMITTING ONLY AN OUTLINE.
DCM CONCLUDED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT
IF GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE INTERESTED IN A SOLUTION TO CYPRUS
PROBLEM IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE FOR THEM TO MEET
WITH TURKISH CYPRIOTS AGAIN AND RECEIVE THE FULL PRO-
POSALS. IF THE PROPOSALS WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE THIS WOULD
BECOME KNOWN AT THAT TIME. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT
THE PROPOSALS WOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR MEANINGFUL
NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE SEIZED.
PAPADOPOULOS' FINAL REMARK WAS THAT ANY
MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATORS WOULD ONLY HELP TURKISH
CYPRIOTS TO GET U.S. EMBARGO LIFTED.

8. COMMENT: UP TO APRIL 19 THE GOC HAD BEEN CAREFULLY
ADHERING TO THE PUBLIC COMMITMENT NOT TO APSS FORMAL
JUDGEMENT ON TURKISH PROPOSALS BEFORE BEING RECEIVED
FROM UNSYG. AT THE SAME TIME IT IS CLEAR GOC HAS BEEN PRE-
PARING AN ELABORATE AND DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE PRO-
POSALS DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT A VALID BASIS FOR
RECONVENING NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT EXIST.
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